

Pinal County Sheriff's Office Badging Ceremony

Remarks by Gov. Jan Brewer Wednesday, February 1, 2012

It's an honor to be here at Poston Butte High School – home of the Broncos – with students and teachers -- so we can ALL salute together Pinal County Sheriff's sworn deputies and detention officers.

Thank you, Sheriff Babeu, for issuing the special badge -- which your deputies and detention officers will wear in honor of the Arizona Centennial.

The badge is truly special -- and for the next year will be worn by men and women of Pinal County who match its exceptional symbol – those who patrol the front lines in Arizona's battle for public order.

Your job is difficult and dangerous.

You must defend the innocent, protect property, fight crime, keep the peace and balance the interests of the Sheriff's Office, your community, Pinal County, and our citizens.

You have one of the toughest jobs in Arizona, and I'm here today to say thank you for all you do to keep Arizona families safe.

May your special Centennial Badge remind you of our pride in your service, may it guide and sustain you in your dangerous duties, and may it say to all, "Here is a public servant who carries into Arizona's second century, our unfailing gratitude."

May God bless all of you and your families -- may God bless the great state of Arizona -- and may God always bless and protect the United States of America.

Thank you.